

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-11 and 18-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mold having a transfer molding surface of a predetermined shape and is used for press-molding a shaping material into ~~a~~an optical element fixing member, wherein alignment mark-transfer portion(s) is/are formed on the transfer molding surface in order to obtain a press-molded article having alignment mark(s).

2. (Original) A mold according to claim 1, wherein the mold comprises a base member and a mold release film formed on the surface of the base member, the base member comprising (1) a hard material containing WC or (2) a cermet containing TiN, TiC or Al₂O₃, and the surface of the mold release film serves as a transfer molding surface.

3. (Original) A mold according to claim 1, wherein the mold comprises SiC or amorphous carbon.

4-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A mold comprising a base member having a transfer molding bare surface of a predetermined shape formed by dry-etching, and a mold release film formed on the transfer molding bare surface so as to reflect the shape of the transfer molding bare surface, the surface of the mold release film serving as a transfer molding surface.

13. (Original) A mold according to claim 12, wherein the base member comprises (1) a hard material containing WC, or (2) a cermet containing TiN, TiC or Al_2O_3 .

14. (Original) A mold according to claim 12, wherein transfer pattern(s) corresponding to rugged pattern(s) of a diffraction element, is/are formed on the transfer molding surface.

15. (Original) A mold having a transfer molding surface formed on the mold material by dry-etching.

16. (Original) A mold according to claim 15, wherein the mold comprises amorphous carbon.

17. (Original) A mold according to claim 15, wherein transfer pattern(s) corresponding to rugged pattern(s) of a diffraction element, is/are formed on the transfer molding surface.

18-24. (Canceled)